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Letter dated 2 November 2004 from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly

As you will recall, the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, decided on the principle of creating ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict following the recommendation made by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/217 of 21 December 2000 on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa. Thus far, two Ad Hoc Advisory Groups have been created, one on Guinea-Bissau and one on Burundi.

I wish to draw your attention to the latest reports of the Ad Hoc Advisory Groups on Guinea-Bissau (E/2004/10 and E/2004/92) and Burundi (E/2004/11 and E/2004/98) submitted to the Council. After considering these reports, the Council adopted resolutions on Guinea-Bissau (2004/1 of 3 May 2004 and 2004/61 of 21 July 2004) and on Burundi (2004/2 of 3 May 2004 and 2004/60 of 23 July 2004).

The Economic and Social Council also carried out an assessment of the work of the ad hoc advisory groups (E/2004/86), which was submitted to the Council at its substantive session of 2004. After consideration of the report, the Council adopted resolution E/2004/59 of 21 July 2004, in which it commended the ad hoc advisory groups for their innovative and constructive work in support of the countries concerned and made suggestions to improve their work.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

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